

# The Future of Medicaid is in Your Hands

## Do NOT Cut and Cap Medicaid

Medicaid Action 1

The House GOP Health Care bill will Cut and Cap funding for Medicaid.

Call your U.S. House Member: 202-224-3121 or E-mail your U. S. House Member, and say:

- I am your constituent.
- I use Medicaid services (give an example from your life) or My family member uses Medicaid services (give an example from your family).
- Medicaid is more than health care, these services help me/our family live life every day.
- These services are important.
- Do NOT Cut and Cap Medicaid.

For your Background Information:

### **Medicaid is an important partnership of the federal government and the states.**

Medicaid represents \$1 out of every \$6 spent on health care in the U.S. and is the major source of financing for states to provide coverage to meet health and long-term needs of low-income populations. Washington State draws down billions in federal Medicaid funding enabling our limited state funds to go farther and serve more people; for most Medicaid the federal government pays 50 cents of every dollar. The newly established Community First Choice program draws down 56 cents on the dollar.

### **Medicaid touches all our lives.**

People with developmental disabilities make up part of the Medicaid population. Thousands of Washingtonians with DD (adults and children) depend upon Medicaid-funded services.

- Over 44,000 people are clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA).
- Of those more than 13,000 who receive personal care services through Community First Choice that support them to get out of bed, get dressed, bathe and eat meals.
- Any DDA client receiving services receives Medicaid funding.

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